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SUBJECT: INMARSAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, FIRST MEETING,
JAN. 10-14

SUMMARY: FIRST MEETING OF INMARSAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, WITH 20 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING, ELECTED CHAIRMAN; ESTABLISHED THREE PANELS, TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND ORGANIZATIONAL, AND SELECTED THEIR CHAIRMEN; ADOPTED RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS; ESTABLISHED A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1977-78; AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES FOR 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. INMARSAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MET JAN. 10-14, HAVING BEEN CONVENED BY IMCO SEC GEN WHO HAD RECEIVED FORMAL NOTIFICATIONS OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AND SHARE COMMITTEE COSTS PRO RATA FROM FOLLOWING: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREECE, INDIA, ITALY, KUWAIT, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN, USSR, UK AND US. ADDITIONALLY, OBSERVERS FROM BRAZIL, NEW ZEALAND AND SPAIN WERE PERMITTED AFTER REPRESENTATIONS FROM EACH THAT FORMAL NOTIFICATIONS WOULD BE DEPOSITED SHORTLY AND ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY WOULD

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BEAR A PRO RATA SHARE AS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FIRST PREP COM MEETING.

2. COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED H. SONDAAL, NETHERLANDS, AS CHAIRMAN, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF US, USSR, UK AND INDIA AS VICE CHAIRMEN. COMMITTEE ALSO ELECTED OFFICERS FOR PANELS IT CREATED TO CARRY OUT ITS WORK PROGRAM:

1. TECHNICAL PANEL: LUNDBERG (SWEDEN), CHAIRMAN
GAGLIARDI (ITALY), VICE CHAIRMAN
2. ECONOMIC, MARKETING AND TECHNICAL PANEL:
KNUDSON (NORWAY), CHAIRMAN
QUIGLEY (CANADA), VICE CHAIRMAN
3. INSTITUTIONAL PANEL: VAHTRICK (AUSTRALIA), CHAIRMAN
AL-NAKIB (KUWAIT), VICE CHAIRMAN

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THESE PANELS ARE IN VERY SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE IDENTICAL TO PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY USDEL.

3. COMMITTEE DRAFTED AND ADOPTED RULES OF PROCEDURES AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR ITSELF AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES. IT ALSO AGREED ON AN EXPENDITURES BUDGET FOR 1977 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT A PROGRAM OF MEETINGS WHICH CALLS FOR A FIVE DAY MEETING OF EACH PANEL IN MAY 1977 AND A SEVEN DAY MEETING OF EACH PANEL FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A THREE DAY MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER 1977. AGENDAS FOR THE FIRST PANEL MEETINGS AND THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WERE APPROVED.

4. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES FOR 1977 ARE \$180,500, OF WHICH THE US SHARE WILL BE 5.0, BASED ON PRO RATA SHARING AMONG 20 PARTICIPANTS. CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE PAID IN ONE INSTALLMENT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF OBLIGATION FROM IMCO SEC GEN OR IN TWO EQUAL INSTALLMENTS, THE FIRST WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF

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THE NOTICE AND THE SECOND NO LATER THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES ARE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW \$500,000 AUTHORIZED BY INMARSAT CONFERENCE FOR 1977 AS RESULT OF USDEL'S WILLINGNESS TO FOREGO FULL TRANSLATION BY IMCO OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO PANEL MEETINGS. ONUS WILL BE ON THOSE SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE TEXTS IN THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, I.E., ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

5. THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES OF MEETINGS WAS AGREED:

TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC PANELS: MAY 9-13, 1977, IN PARIS
AT INVITATION OF EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY;
OCTOBER 17-25, 1977, IN LONDON, AT INVITATION
OF BRITISH POST OFFICE, THE /UK DESIGNATED
ENTITY;

ORGANIZATIONAL PANEL: JUNE 13-17, 1977, IN OSLO, AT THE
INVITATION OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT;
OCTOBER 17-25, 1977, IN LONDON, AT INVITATION
OF BRITISH POST OFFICE, THE UK DESIGNATED
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ENTITY;

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE: OCTOBER 26-28, 1977, IN LONDON AT
IMCO HEADQUARTERS.

CERTAIN OF THE COSTS INCLUDED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED BUDGET MAY BE ASSUMED BY THE PARTIES EXTENDING INVITATIONS.

6. IT WAS DECIDED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THOSE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAD ATTENDED THE INMARSAT CONFERENCE, COULD ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND ITS PANELS.

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